## STATE OF IOWA

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## **UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

QWEST CORPORATION,

Complainant,

VS.

IOWA TELECOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC..

Respondent.

DOCKET NOS. FCU-03-52 (TF-03-476)

# ORDER TERMINATING DOCKET

(Issued February 3, 2004)

On October 17, 2003, Iowa Telecom Communications, Inc. (ITC) requested approval from the Utilities Board (Board) of revisions to its intrastate access service rates. ITC requested the revised tariff be effective November 16, 2003.

On November 6, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an objection and requested the Board suspend and docket the proposed tariff revision and determine the reasonableness of the proposed intrastate access rate increase.

On November 14, 2003, the Board issued an order docketing the complaint, ordering ITC to file a written response, and deeming the proposed access service rates effective November 16, 2003, subject to change at the conclusion of the docket. The Board refused to suspend the tariff as requested because Qwest did not file its objection within the 14-day period required by 199 IAC 22.14(5).

On November 26, 2003, ITC filed a response as ordered by the Board. On December 15, 2003, the Board issued an order assigning this docket to the undersigned administrative law judge to conduct a hearing and issue a proposed decision. On December 18, 2003, a procedural order and notice of hearing was issued setting the hearing for March 9, 2004. On January 12, 2004, ITC filed prepared direct testimony as ordered.

On January 30, 2004, Qwest filed a withdrawal of its complaint and requested the docket be terminated. Counsel for ITC and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice have no objection to the withdrawal and request to terminate the docket. Qwest's request to terminate the docket should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Qwest's request is approved and this docket is hereby terminated.
- The proposed service access rates contained in ITC's October 17,
   2003, filing remain effective pursuant to the Board order issued on November 14,
   2003.

#### UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Amy L. Christensen
Amy L. Christensen
Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2004.